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SUBJECT: TANKS, PLANES & THINGS

1. WE HAVE CONFIRMED WITH THE PORTUGUESE ARMY G-2 THAT SEVERAL WEEKS AGO FOUR SOVIET ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS (OPEN TOP) WERE LANDED ON A DESERTED BEACH 30 MILES NORTH OF LUANDA. THEY HAD BEEN TRANSPORTED ON A SMALL PORTUGUESE OWNED BARGE FROM POINT NOIRE (CONGO) AND WERE SUBSEQUENTLY EMPLOYED BY MPLA DURING THE RECENT BATTLES WITH FNLA IN THE NORTH.

2. AN AMERICAN OIL RIG WORKER WHO FREQUENTLY STOPS IN THE TINY PORT OF BANANA ON THE ZAIRIAN SIDE OF THE MOUTH OF THE CONGO RIVER, REPORTS THAT ZAIRIAN GULF OIL CO. WORKERS HAVE TOLD HIM THAT THERE ARE 95 NORTH KOREAN MILITARY ADVISORS TRAINING FLEC (FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF THE ENCLAVE OF CABINDA) TROOPS IN ZAIRE AND THAT FLEC HAS 6,000 MEN IN ZAIRE.

3. A SOUTH AFRICAN INTELLIGENCE OFFICER HAS TOLD US HE HAS A REPORT THAT THE USSR WILL PROVIDE 8 OLD MIG FIGHTERS FOR USE BY MPLA. HE HAS HEARD THEY WILL BE SENT TO AND INITIALLY
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BASED IN ZAMBIA, A FACT WHICH MAKES ALL OF US SERIOUSLY QUESTION

THE STORY. HE HAD NO IDEA OF THE NATIONALITY OF THE PILOTS.

4. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT TWO UNIDENTIFIED SOVIET VESSELS
WILL BE STOPPING IN LOBITO OR MOCAMEDES ON JUNE 8-11 TO
REFUEL. THE LOCAL SUPPLIER, MOBIL, CONFIRMED THIS BUU SAY THEY
DO NOT KNOW THE NAMES OF THE SHIPS.
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